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## RESEARCH IN THE DECALIN SERIES: V. IRREVERSIBLE CATALYSIS OF DECALIN HYDROCARDONS WITH UNSATURATED SIDE CHAINS

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As shown in previous articles (1), cyclohelane hydrocarbons with unsaturated side chains, under the effect of palladium at 200 degrees centigrade in a weak current of carron dioxide, undergo igreversible transformations of the type described by N. D. Zelingkiy (2). The catalyzates are a mixture of aromatic and sycloherane hydrocartons with corresponding saturated side chains:

 $3C_6H_{11}(CH_2)_{11}CH = CH \longrightarrow C_6H_{11}(CH_2)_{12}CH_2CH_3 + 2C_6H_5(CH_2)_{12}CH_2CH_3$ .

Contact conversions of decelin hydrocarbons with unsaturated side chains containing a double hand spaced at different intervals from the ring were investigated in this article. Two problems were considered: (1) whether the decclin hydrocarbons under conditions of irreversible catalysis behave like cyclohexane hydrocarbons with similar side chains and (2) whether, in the catalytic process, the distance of the double bond from the ring and the stereochemical structure of the bicyclic decalin derivative has any in-

To solve these problems, stereoisomeric peta-allyldecalines (3-betacis-decalylpropene-1 and 3-beta-trans-decalyspropene-1) and beta-decalylbutenes 9(4-beta-cis-decalylbutene-1 and 4-beta-trans-decalylbutene-1) were brought into contact with platinized carnon; and it was shown that both beta-allyldecalines were completely converted (none of the original unsaturated hydrogarbons were found in a bromine water test of the catalyzates).

If the dehydrogenation during irreversible catalysis had involved only one of the rings of the original bicyclic hydrocarbon, the catalysate would have contained tetralin and decalin hydrocarbons in the ratio: of 1:2; with both rings involved, the catalyzate would contain manhthalese and decalin hydrocarbons in the ration of leb,

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Results obtrined on treating the catalyzates with sulfuric acid showed that, according to the amount of hydrocarbon reacted with sulfuric acid, the process of irreversible catalysis of both stereoisomeric beta-allyldecalines proceeded in the second manner.

$$5 \longrightarrow CH_{2}CH = CH_{2} \left[ 5 \longrightarrow CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{3} \right] \begin{array}{c} C_{10} H_{7} CH_{2} CH_{2} CH_{3} \\ -4 H_{2} \\ \times 7 H_{2} \end{array}$$

As seen from the above formula, the first stage of the reaction is contact isomerization (4) of the original .beta-allyldecalines into beta-propyloctalines (cis and trans), which undergo further catalysis to form a mixture of beta-propylnsphthaline and corresponding beta-propyldecalines (cis and trans) in similar fashion to the process used for (3) trans-octaline, which is easily converted with palladium into a mixture of maphthalene and trans-decalin.

Should the double bond be farther removed from the ring than is the case with the beta-allyldecalines, the process is still not affected thereby.
4-beta-decalylbutenes (cis and trans) are completely converted to form beta-butylnaghthalene and corresponding beta-butyldecalines (cis and trans):

$$5 \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{3} \\ +4H_{2} \\ +CI_{0}H_{17}CH_{2}CH_{3}CH_{3}CH_{3} \end{array}$$

Experiments described in this article desponstrate that the stereoisomeric (cis and trans) hydrocaroons of the decalin series

$$(CH_2)_{\eta} CH = CH_2$$

$$H$$
and
$$(CH_2)_{\eta} CH = CH_2$$

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do not differ from each other with respect to the irreversible catalycis.

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